



GAE COMMITTEE

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Good morning Senator Schlossberg , Representative Spallone, and Committee members.

I am Anthony Esposito, President of ROVAC. Today I am speaking on behalf of the Registrars of Voters Of Connecticut in support of SB 917 AAC The training of Registrar of Voters, HB 6440 AAC Technical Changes, and SB 909 AAC Technical changes removing Levers.

SB 917- ROVAC is a professional organization and as such we embrace proposals that advance and enhance the professional training of all Registrars of Voters. Certification training benefits all involved – Registrars and Voters.

SB 6440- ROVAC supports eliminating the dichotomy that presently exists between 2-year termed and 4-year termed Registrars. Doing so allows Registrars to concentrate their efforts on the ever expanding duties and demands of the job, as well as contribute to a more professional and less political Office. Expanding the operation of the Office of Registrars of Voters to more than two Registrars complicates what is, at best a difficult enough task, into a most extraordinary one.

SB 909- ROVAC supports all efforts to remove antiquated and outdated language (sic: lever machines, et al.) from Election Law. ROVAC supports the transfer of the vast amount of technical applications to regulations under the administration of the Office of the Secretary of the State.

SB 6440 -ROVAC also supports the eliminating or modifying of the present unnecessary and redundant requirements to provide lists at noncritical times, so that Registrars may institute modern office practices more adapted to today's use of electronic storage and transmittal of data.

ROVAC is available to provide any assistance needed to alter and refine language in these bills.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on the important issues.